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## Youth's Responsibility To His World

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YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS WORLD

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I Tim. 4:12-16

See you! no. 400.

I. FOUR MAJOR PREMISES ABOUT MODERN LIFE TODAY.

1. Some **PARENTS** are as fine today as ever ~~was~~ will be.
2. Some **young people** as fine today as ever ~~was~~ will be.
3. Some **HOMES** are as fine today as any before-any to come.
4. Some **CONGREGATIONS** as fine as ever existed-~~ever~~ will!

Conclusion: Some of our finest citizens living today!

Therefore: **YOU** can be as fine as you **WANT** to be.

II. THREE MAJOR TRUTHS ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY.

PRIORITIES

1. The **Home** was the first created divine institution.  
Genesis 2:24. Genesis 1:28. Applies to all!
2. The **State** was the 2nd divine institution created.  
Genesis 4:9. Romans 13:1.
3. The **Church** was the 3rd divine institution given man.  
Matthew 16:18. Matt. 28:18-20.

Conclusion: Church takes precedence over home and

the state. Matt. 6:33. Improves both!!  
+ school!

III. THREE AREAS OF YOUTH RESPONSIBILITY TODAY.

1. Obey **parents** - in Lord. Eph. 6:1-3. I J. 5:13. 14:15  
III. Not like 3rd grader, pencil thief, John H. Reagan.  
Not like Jay Caple. Motor-scooter. Long-steel pin.

2. Obey **government** - in the Lord. Acts 4:19-20, 29.

III. Not like Wm. K. Moser. Cons. Obj. & negligent. Jail

3. Obey **elders of church** - in the Lord. Heb. 13:7.

III. Not like 9 Jasper, Ala. youth and deacon and wife  
who went to school dance. Bro. Gus Nichols preach  
ed on it, after due warning. 9 restored. II Thess.  
3:6.

IV. THREE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS ARE BREAKING DOWN TODAY.

- A. **FAMILY.** Four reasons given by Mrs. Edith Deen, Ft.  
Worth, Texas. PTA meeting, Austin. 3-28-64.

1. Industrial revolution - exodus to the cities.
2. Change from calm rural society to chaotic urban.
3. Rise in divorces. 3000% in 100 yrs. 840,000 year.
4. Congested living situation. Apartment-dwellers.

Thomas Jefferson: "If Americans ever leave the  
agrarian (farm) society, we will stack ourselves  
upon one another in cities and then begin to bite  
and devour one another, as they are doing in  
the decadent countries of Europe."

B. AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. More pressures, bad examples,  
temptations, easy sin, poor detection, restlessness



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1. Sophisticated-intellectual-scientists and  
sophists are repudiating God and Bible.

**Results:** Riots, demonstrations, assassinations

2. Less home life due to jobs, entertainment and  
boredom.

a. 35% labor is women. Some subtle rejection, mother

b. Fathers moonlighting, drinking, laying out.

c. Youth: artificial entertainment, go-go generation

**SURPRISE:** Kids say: "Wish folks stay home more."

**Need:** Learn to live comfortably and profitably at  
home more. Be work, but worth it.

C. ORGANIZED RELIGION IS BREAKING DOWN.

1. A.B.S. statement: "America is looking for a new  
statement of Belief!" What's wrong with: **M. 16:16.**

Problem: They have turned from the Bible!!

2. People not finding Christ in divided and hypocritical  
religious world. Love Him. Not the church.

3. Lord's church losing ground in places because  
more concerned about **popularity** and **numbers**  
and **respectability** than Biblical-soundness  
and genuine-Christian-spirituality.

V. WHAT CAN YOUTH DO?

**Keep aim high!!**

**WHY?**

John 3:3-5. II Cor. 5:17. Converted!

**BECAUSE:** Could cut all Crime in America.

Could junk all Juvenile Del. in America.

Could dump all Dope in U. S.

Could destroy all Divorces in America.

Shut down sex crimes over the land.

Burn all booze in the country.

Crush out all cigarettes & cigars.

And if did not lead them to Christ for remission  
of their sins, would only have **CLEAN, HONEST**

**SINNERS!**

Christ wants clean, honest Christi

INV: Want to improve YOUR world. Obey gospel! Acts 2:38.

Want to improve your congregation. Get right!! A. 8:22.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

## YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS WORLD

Participants: A father, mother, daughter and son.

(Each state his occupation or principle role in life.)

QUESTIONS:

- ✓ 1. What is the FIRST responsibility you can think of that God gives to the children in the home? (Obey parents.) Why? (Boy, girl, etc.)
- ✓ 1 1/2 *How long this true?*  
2. Does this relationship suggest that the parents have the RIGHT to know where the children are at ALL times, who they are with, and what they are doing? Why? (Yes, parents are responsible to God for the well-being of the children at all times--till grown.) (Girl, boy, etc.)
- ✓ 3. In a family discussion, where differences occur, WHO should have the last word? (Head of the home.) Why? (Boy, girl, etc.)
- ✓ 4. If parents, or a parent, should make a wrong decision-----and comes to see it---what should they do? (Girl, boy, etc.)
5. Do parents very often ADMIT they are wrong? (Father, mother, etc.)
6. Should a young person be responsible for keeping his room clean and decent-looking? (Boy, girl, etc.) *Why?*
7. At what age should a Christian boy or girl be allowed to own his or her own car, in your judgment? (Girl, boy, etc.) Why?
8. Do parents listen to their children enough these days? (Mother, father... *etc.*)
9. Do young people want FAMILY DEVOTIONALS in the home? Why? (Youth...etc.)
10. What do you think young people OWE their parents? ( Youth....etc.) (Honor, respect, love, obedience, patience, if in the Lord!!!)
11. Name one thing young people could do today which would help straighten out the world the most? (Boy, girl,...etc.)
12. Name one thing PARENTS can do today which would help straighten out our world the most? (Girl, boy.....etc.)

*Why not talk to parents?*



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Participants: A father, mother, daughter, son.

QUESTIONS:

*Note: Exceptions to every rule!*

1. At what age do you believe a child should begin to be brought into the decision-making activities of the family? Vacation. New furniture? Car color? etc
2. Why do you think teenagers talk with their parents so little at times? *Pick time create image*
3. In your judgment, who should have the last word in your family, when agreement obviously isn't likely to come easy? *WHY?*
4. Should parents know where their children are, who they are with, what they are doing, and when they will return home? If so, why so? If not, why not? *Eph. 6:4,*
5. Should freshmen in high school go steady? *Define steady first?*
6. At what age would it be wisest for a normal Christian boy to own his own car? *WHY?*
7. Why do teenagers so often quit talking to their mothers and being nice to them? *(not all.)*
8. Should a young person be responsible for cleaning up his own room and keeping it decent-looking?
9. Do young people want religious devotionals and Bible reading in their me? *WHY?*
10. Do young people ever want to go to recreational events with their parents? Football games? Show? Bowling. Boating? Fishing?
11. Do parents LISTEN to their children enough these days?
12. What do young people owe their parents? (Obedience, respect...)
13. Do you think 18 year olds are old enough to vote? Why?
14. Should Christian boys be given both sides of the "killing in war" question, and allowed to decide for themselves whether they can kill in war or prefer non-combatant service? *WHY?*
15. What one thing could young people do today that would help straighten out the world the most? (Obey the gospel and live like a Christian!)

16. Symposium??  
Questions from  
audience

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Barney Knight  
M. H. H.  
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1. Boyer
2. Willis
3. Long
4. Bryan
5. Courtland
6. May

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Long  
Willis  
Boyer  
May

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Triple  
Double  
Single

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO HOME & CHURCHI. FOUR MAJOR PREMISES ABOUT MODERN LIFE TODAY.

1. Some PARENTS are as fine today as any who have ever lived -- or ever will!
2. Some YOUNG PEOPLE are as fine as any who have ever lived -- or ever will!
3. Some HOMES are as fine today as any homes in the past, or as any will be in the future.
4. Some CONGREGATIONS are as fine today as any since A. D. 33 -- or to the end of the world.

Conclusion: Some are as fine today as any have ever been and YOU can be whatever you WANT to be.

II. THREE MAJOR TRUTHS ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

1. The HOME is the 1st created Divine Institution  
Genesis 2:24. Gen. 1:28. *World wide.*
2. The STATE is the 2nd Divine Institution.  
Genesis 4:9. Rom. 13:1. *World wide.*
3. The CHURCH is the 3rd Divine Institution.  
Matthew 16:18. Matt. 28:18-20. *World wide.*

III. THREE MAJOR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT LIFE IN OUR WORLD.

1. Young people are commanded to obey their PARENTS -- in the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-3.  
Ill. Motor scooter. Stainless-steel pin.
2. Young people are commanded to obey the GOVERNMENT -- in the Lord. Acts 4:19-20, 29.  
Ill. C. O., poor background, slothful-Prison.
3. Y-oung people are to obey the ELDERS of the CHURCH -- in the Lord. Heb. 13:7.  
Ill. Jasper, Ala. 9 went to dances. 9 were withdrawn from. Restored in tears.  
(Bro. Gus Nichols)



#### IV. THE AMERICAN FAMILY IS BREAKING DOWN.

A. Four reasons given by Mrs. Edith Deen of Ft. Worth, Texas as Texas State PTA meeting in Austin, Texas, March 28, 1964.

1. Industrial Revolution. *move to cities.*
2. Change from calm rural society to frantic and chaotic urban culture.
3. Rise of Divorces: 800% rise in 100 yrs.
4. Congested living; apartment dwellers etc.
  - a. Thomas Jefferson: If ever leave agrarian society, will stack ourselves upon one another in cities and then bite and devour one another, as they have done in decadent Europe.

#### V. THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE IS BREAKING DOWN.

- A. More pressures, bad examples, temptations and ease of sinning. Easy to get lost.
  - B. Less to stay home for - mechanical entertainment
    1. Try a : "Stay at home with children nite."
  - C. Parents are devoting less time to rearing their children - subtle rejection. *Work + play.*
    1. 1/3 workers in many cities women (mothers)
    2. Kids say: "Wish parents stay home more!"
  - D. Parents are demanding less of their offspring today and getting it! (Too much trouble.)
- NEED: To learn to live comfortably and profitably in our new American environment. Work at it

#### VI. THE AMERICAN CHURCH IS BREAKING DOWN.

- A. Its goals: Mk. 16:15-16. Jas. 1:27. Gal. 6:10
- B. PROTESTANTISM is crumbling for the lack of a "real statement of belief". Rejected Bible!
- C. CATHOLICISM is losing ground because of its dogmatic authoritarianism in liberalistic and materialistic society.
- D. LORD'S CHURCH is losing out because has achieved popularity and respectability and wants to keep public favor, even at the cost of compromise and surrender of principle.

# VII. SOLUTION? YES!!! Easier to Say than Achieve.

- A. Do What God Said Do!!! Mark 16:15=16.
- B. Be What God Said Be!!! I Corinthians 15:58.
- C. Keep your AIM high and right! Why?

## BECAUSE:

If cut out all Crime in the U. S. A.  
 If junk all Juvenile Delinquency in America.  
 If dump all Dope in Delaware River.  
 If destroy all divorces on the books.  
 If shut off all sex crimes being committed.  
 If evaporate all alcoholic beverages.  
 If crush out all pipes, cigarettes & cigars,  
 And paddle good all negligent parents and  
 their naughty off-spring AND DO NOT...  
 LEAD THEM TO CHRIST for the remission of  
 their sins --- then all our labors shall  
 have been in vain!!!! Clean, honest SINNERS!

## GRAND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR WORLD TODAY INVOLVES:

1. All sinners fleeing to Christ for  
the forgiveness of their sins. Free!!  
*from sin.*
2. All sinning-Christians getting right  
with God. I Cor. 15:58.
3. All wandering loose-footed Christians  
identifying somewhere and going  
to work.



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\* I Tim. 4:12-13, 15-16.

I. FOUR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT LIFE IN AMERICA TODAY.

1. Some **parents** as fine today as ever E.6:4.
2. Some **young people** as fine as any ever.. E.6:1-
3. Some **homes** are as fine as any ever..... E.5-6.
4. Some **churches** as fine as any ever..... E. 4.

Conclusion: Some world's finest citizens living! <sup>now!</sup>Deduction: YOU can be as fine as the very best!!II. THREE MAJOR TRUTHS ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

1. HOME: was first divine institution. Gen. 2:24.  
God invested great blessings for us.
2. STATE: 2nd divine institution. Gen. 4:9. R.13
3. CHURCH: 3rd divine institution given to ALL  
men. Matt. 16:18. Matt. 28:18-20.

Conclusion: Church takes precedence over all:Home. State. School. M. 6:33. Aids all!!III. YOUTH HAS RESPONSIBILITY IN THREE MAJOR AREAS:

1. Eph. 6:1-3. I John 5:3. John 14:15. PARENTS.  
-Ill. Not like John H. Reagan 3rd grader. Thief.  
-Ill. Nor, like Jay Caple. Motor-bike. Long pir  
+ Boys paid \$2.50
2. Acts 4:19-20, 29. GOVERNMENT. <sup>turned in.</sup>  
-Ill. Not like Wm. K. Moser. Con. Obj. and....  
slothful. Imprisoned. Negligent!!
3. Heb. 13:7 and 17. CHURCH LEADERS. Elders.  
-Ill. Not like 9 Jasper, Ala. youths did and  
deacon & wife. Dance. Gus Nichols  
preached due-warning of discipline.

Good results: All 9 restored etc. IIT.3:6.Note: These young christians NOT ready to  
meet their Judge on 2 counts: Violation  
of MORAL code of God, disobeyed. to Elders.A + Sel Okla Youth activities.IV. SOLUTION? IF YOUNG PEOPLE WANT ONE? Yes!

1. I Cor. 11:1. Try to be like Christ. Possible!!
2. I Thess. 5:21-22, 23. If Jesus approves, Fine!
3. Matt. 11:28-30. Only true HAPPY way is with  
Christ, working with His Christian Family,  
the church. **"COME LEARN AT MY SCHOOL!"**

INV: Submit His solution as YOUR chosen way of life!!